I am responding to the U.N. Commission of Inquiry’s request for submissions in the category of “Facts and circumstances regarding all alleged violations of international humanitarian law and all alleged abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since April 2021”

This submission should not be understood as an endorsement of the Commission of Inquiry, nor its unprecedented open-ended mandate which seeks to dismantle Israel under the guise of concern for Palestinians. The UNHRC has made clear that the bulk of its efforts, funding, and staffing is devoted to demonizing Israel, the only predominantly Jewish state in the world. The rights of millions of Muslims barrel-bombed, gassed, starved out or made homeless by the Syrian regime or the 1.8 million Muslims forced into labor camps by China, or any of the other human rights catastrophes in the world are, by comparison, of little or no concern to this UN agency.

Israel grants equal rights to its Arab-Muslim and Christian citizens and only seeks to live in peace and security with its Palestinian-Arab neighbors. Arab leaders have refused to allow Palestinian Arabs to have their own state from the time the British Empire ruled the area. Rejectionism continued to be the response to repeated offers of statehood - no matter who brokered the agreements - and no matter how much territory Israel ceded. There could have been a thriving economic Palestinian state offering prosperity to its citizens and goodwill to the world. Instead of nurturing industry, health care, education, and innovation, Palestinian leadership chose to nurture hate, violence, terrorism, poverty, and antisemitism.

In 1994, the Palestinian Authority (PA) self-declared a State of Palestine while continuing to spurn a peace agreement with Israel. The PA has a constitution, a legislature and a president who is in command of security forces. The president is elected by the people. The current president, Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, has been in office since 2005. At times, the PA and Hamas have had joint understandings and operations.

To those who say that Palestinians cannot be held responsible for their violations of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law because they are not a state, it is imperative to note that they view themselves as a state and that they have elected officials and governing bodies. Furthermore, and most pertinent to this Commission of Inquiry (COI), UN General Assembly resolution 67/19 grants “Palestine” "non-member observer status” which it describes as "de facto recognition of the sovereign state of Palestine." Neither the UN nor the Palestinians can have it both ways.

Regarding Gaza: There have been no Israeli military or civilians in Gaza since 2005 - except Avera Mengistu, a mentally disabled man who wandered there in 2014, was detained and interrogated by Hamas and is still not released.

In 2007 Gazans elected Hamas. Hamas collects taxes and governs two million people. It has remained in power to the present and it acknowledges its responsibility for the rocket launches, suicide bombings, and other acts of aggression it pursues. Its affiliates include Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).

Israel is the ancient homeland of the Jewish people from long before the birth of Islam. King David’s son, King Solomon built the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the capital of the Kingdom of Israel. In 587 BC Babylonians destroyed it. When the Zoroastrian King Cyrus conquered Babylon, he permitted the Jews to return to Israel and rebuild the Temple. The Roman conquest of Jerusalem began in 63 BC and culminated in the destruction of the Second Holy Temple in 70 AD. Only the outer wall remained standing. The Romans stripped the region of its name and named it *Syria Palestina.* Hadrian erected a pagan temple on the site where the Holy Temples stood. About 600 years later, after the death of the Prophet Mohammed, the Muslim Conquests began. It is no coincidence that the Al-Aqsa Mosque was built atop the ruins of the Temple. These conquerors did what other conquerors did before them.

Despite exiles, massacres and Crusades, there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Israel. Jerusalem is home to Judaism holiest site - just like Mecca is home to Islam’s holiest site. The UN would and should defend the right of Muslims to preside in their holy city yet the UN actively seeks to deny Jews the right to preside in theirs.

There are over 40 predominantly Muslim nations - and over 40 predominantly Christian ones - and one predominantly Jewish one. (<https://www.pewforum.org/2017/10/03/many-countries-favor-specific-religions-officially-or-unofficially/>). Unlike its neighbors (who when not killing or exiling minorities, offer them dhimmi status at best), Israel affords equal rights to its Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Druze, Baha’i citizens and others. Not perfect - sure. But improving. The biggest threat to continued Arab-Israeli participation in government, the judiciary, medicine, education, industry and technology comes - not from Israeli Jews - but from Hamas and other groups trying to undermine the flourishing of Israeli Arabs in Israel’s civil society.

It is nothing less than appalling that the UN who should be championing the rights of Jews to their indigenous homeland and the only place in the region where minority rights are protected is instead joining forces with those who wish to replace Israel with still another Muslim predominant country. Given the reality of the Hamas charter seeking to destroy not only Israelis but all Jews; given the anti-Jewish hate speech spewing from mosques and media in Gaza and the West Bank; given the expulsion of 850,000 Jews from Muslim countries including Iraq, Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Yemen, Morocco, Iran, Lebanon, Tunisia, Libya and Turkey (<https://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Issues/Pages/Jewish-refugees-expelled-from-Arab-lands-and-from-Iran-29-November-2016.aspx>); and given the Arab massacre of Jews in the Holy Land from long before the founding of the modern state of Israel, it ranges from absurd to preposterous to imagine that a predominantly Muslim nation replacing the state of Israel would magically treat Jews any better than the way they have treated them before.

***Suicide Bombings and Similar Intentional Attacks\* Against Civilians Committed by the PA and Its Affiliates; and Hamas and Its Affiliates Are Violations of Core Principles of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)***

\*Similar Intentional Attacks = **roadside bombings, shootings, knifings, kidnappings, stoning, and *Daes* (vehicle-ramming)**

The PA’s Fatah organization and its affiliates as well as Hamas and its affiliates such as PIJ violate and abuse International Humanitarian Law through their aggression against Israelis via suicide bombings, roadside bombings, shootings, knifings, kidnappings, stoning, and the *Daes* (Vehicle) Intifada. These acts of aggression are carried out **in cafes, restaurants, shopping malls, synagogues, city buses, homes, nightclubs, discos, stores, and at school bus stops and light-rail stations**. Note that this document does not include IHL rocket-and-mortar-attack violations committed by Hamas and its affiliates. Those violations are enumerated in a separate submission to the COI.

Evidence of the PA’s approval of suicide bombings and similar attacks against civilians is demonstrated by, but not limited to, these three actions:

1. The PA bestows monetary awards to terrorists and the families of terrorists who have “successfully” planned or carried out suicide missions and similar attacks, including payments to those who are members of Hamas. In 2019 alone, the PA awarded $343 million to terrorists - the deadlier the attack the higher the reward.
2. The PA names parks, stadia, schools and other public venues in honor of suicide bombers etc. For example, in 2015, the PA dedicated a public square to Dalal Mughrabi, a Palestinian Arab woman responsible for the Coastal Road Massacre: 37 Israelis were killed - 12 of them children. 71 people were wounded.
3. The PA incites its citizens to engage in terrorism through its state-run media. mosques, and schools. Examples include kids TV, textbooks, summer camp enactments of killing Jews, sermons, newspapers, radio, social media, and speeches by Palestinian leaders.

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA-sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks are in violation of Rule 1 of International Humanitarian Law (IHL):**

IHL (ICRC Database):

*Rule 1.* ***The parties to the conflict must at all times distinguish between civilians and combatants. Attacks may only be directed against combatants. Attacks must not be directed against civilians.***

Hamas, PIJ, as well as groups under the auspices of Fatah, such as the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade intentionally plan and execute violence against civilians. A partial listing of these attacks can be found at the end of this document.

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA- sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks are in violation of Rule 2 of IHL:**

***Violence Aimed at Spreading Terror Among the Civilian Population***

*Rule 2.* ***Acts or threats of violence the primary purpose of which is to spread terror among the civilian population are prohibited.***

Suicide bombings in malls, school-bus-stop bombings, shootings and knifings in parks and playgrounds, kidnappings, stoning of family cars and the *Daes (*vehicle) campaign leave no doubt that terrorizing the Israeli population is a goal of the PA and Hamas. Their acts fall precisely under UN General Assembly resolution 49/60 (1994) which is as follows:

**The 1994 Declaration on Measures against International Terrorism** ([A/RES/49/60](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/49/60)), condemns terrorism as “[c]riminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes.’[[17]](https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Defining_Terrorism_International_Law.html#_edn17) It adds that such acts ‘are in any circumstance unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or any other nature that may be invoked to justify them.” (UN General Assembly resolution 49/60 (1994), para. 3. See also United Nations, Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism and the 1996 Supplementary Declaration Thereto, 1994, Audiovisual Library of International Law, <https://legal.un.org/avl/ha/dot/dot.html>.) Regular subsequent resolutions affirmed this approach.”

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA- sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks are in violation of Rule 7 of IHL:**

*Rule 7. The parties to the conflict must at all times distinguish between civilian objects and military objectives.* ***Attacks may only be directed against military objectives. Attacks must not be directed against civilian objects.***

Unprovoked multiple attacks on venues such as school buses and family restaurants are clearly directed at civilian targets.

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA- sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks are in violation of Rule 12 IHL:**

***Indiscriminate Attacks***

*Rule 12****: Indiscriminate attacks are those: (a) which are not directed at a specific military objective; (b) which employ a method or means of combat which cannot be directed at a specific military objective;*** *or (c) which employ a method or means of combat the effects of which cannot be limited as required by international humanitarian law; and consequently, in each such case, are of a nature to strike military objectives and civilians or civilian objects without distinction.*

Hamas and PA affiliate suicide bombings etc. in cafes, restaurants, schools, malls, stores, bars, are clearly prohibited by IHL as they are not directed at specific military targets. In fact, they are precisely designed to strike civilians.

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA- sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks are in violation of Rules 15 and Rule 16 (IHL):**

***Principle of Precautions in Attack***

*Rule 15. In the conduct of military operations,* ***constant care must be taken to spare the civilian population, civilians and civilian objects****. All feasible precautions must be taken to avoid, and in any event to minimize, incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians and damage to civilian objects.*

Hamas and PA affiliates’ use of nail-studded bombs in restaurants and similar attacks by their very nature actively seek to maximize not minimize loss of civilian life and to damage civilian objects. For example, Ahlam Ahmad al-Tamimi, a member of Hamas’s Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, who scouted out the location for the Aug. 9, 2001 suicide bombing of Sbarro’s pizzeria in Jerusalem said in a television interview that she chose that Sbarro’s because of the large number of customers. Tamimi drove the bomber to the restaurant where he detonated explosives hidden in a guitar case, killing 15 people - including children - and wounding 130.

***Rule 16. Each party to the conflict must do everything feasible to verify that targets are military objectives.***

Hamas and PA affiliates mock this rule of IHL. They intentionally and specifically target nonmilitary objectives: e.g., hospitals, homes, cafes, stores, schools, houses of worship and babies, the elderly, and the infirm.

**~ Hamas and its affiliates’ suicide bombings and similar attacks as well as PA- sanctioned suicide bombings and similar attacks violate Rule 20 of International Humanitarian Law:**

***Advance Warning***

***Rule 20. Each party to the conflict must give effective advance warning of attacks which may affect the civilian population, unless circumstances do not permit.***

The very nature of these terrorist attacks is not to give warning to civilians - eating pizza, riding a bus, or sitting down to a Passover meal.

***Examples of Violations of the International Humanitarian Laws Enumerated Above***

The following list includes just some of the **suicide bombings, roadside bombings, shootings, knifings, kidnappings, stonings, and *Daes* (vehicle) attacks** **in cafes, restaurants, shopping malls, synagogues, buses, homes, nightclubs, discos, stores and at school bus stops and light-rail stations** carried out by Hamas and their affiliates and PA-sanctioned affiliates in violation of the above-listed international humanitarian laws.

Hundreds of Israelis were killed in these terrorist attacks. The number of injured, many critically, was several-fold more. These rampant attacks demonstrated the need for a barrier - a nonviolent, peaceful means of significantly diminishing the flood of terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians by PA-sanctioned terrorists and Hamas terrorists and their affiliates.

The lists of attacks, fatalities and wounded are much longer than I have listed. At times, they were occurring almost daily - sometimes multiple attacks in one day. Additional attacks are listed at: <https://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Palestinian/Pages/Victims%20of%20Palestinian%20Violence%20and%20Terrorism%20sinc.aspx>

Jan 17, 2001: A 16-year-old Israeli traveled to Jerusalem to meet a young woman with whom he had conducted a relationship over the Internet. She then drove him toward Ramallah. At a prearranged location, another vehicle drove up and three Palestinian gunmen inside shot the teen more than 15 times.

Mar 4, 2001: 3 people were killed - aged 85, 70 and 58 - in a suicide bombing in downtown

Netanya; 60 people were injured. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Mar 26, 2001: A baby - Shalhevet Pass- age 10 months, was killed by a sniper as she sat in her stroller.

Apr 1, 2001: a 42-year-old woman was stabbed to death in Haifa. Her murder constituted the initiation rite into a terrorist cell.

Apr 22, 2001: A 53-year-old man was killed and 60 people were injured when a terrorist detonated a powerful bomb near a group of people at a bus stop in Central Israel. Hamas claimed responsibility.

May 9, 2001: Koby Mandell, age 13, and his friend Yosef Ishran, age 14, were found with their heads crushed and their bodies mutilated beyond recognition. The killers dipped their hands into the boys' blood and smeared it on the walls of the cave where the boys were found. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/opinions/2001/11/09/murdered-by-terrorists/1e27de63-8e2a-4e4f-b6c7-4921a005c2a0/>)

May 18, 2001: 5 people were killed and over 100 were wounded in a suicide bombing at Hasharon Mall in the seaside city of Netanya. Hamas claimed responsibility.

May 29, 2001: Two women were killed in a drive-by shooting south of Jerusalem. Fatah Tanzim claimed responsibility.

June 1, 2001: 21 people, 11 of them aged 14 to 16 years were killed and 120 people wounded when a Hamas-affiliated suicide bomber blew himself outside a disco near Tel Aviv's Dolphinarium just before midnight.

June 5, 2001: a 5-month-old baby was critically injured by a rock during a stoning incident. He died of injuries on June 11.

June 12, 2001: a Greek Orthodox monk from the St. George Monastery was shot and killed while driving.

Aug 5, 2001: A woman who was 5-months pregnant was killed when Palestinian gunmen opened fire on the family vehicle. Three others were seriously wounded, including her husband and daughter.

Aug 9, 2001: a 2-year-old, a 4-year-old, an 8-year-old, a 10-year-old, a 14-year-old, a 15-year-old, a 16-year-old, and a pregnant woman were among the 15 people killed in a suicide bombing at the Sbarro pizzeria in the center of Jerusalem. Over a 100 people were injured. Hamas and the Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. Ahlam Tamimi who is now living in Jordan scouted out locations and chose this because it had many customers. Tamimi drove the bomber to the restaurant. She is alive and well in Jordan; and is frequently on TV boasting about her deeds.

Aug 9, 2001: a teenage girl was killed by terrorists in a drive-by shooting. Three other teenage girls who were with her in the car were injured, one seriously.

Sept 9, 2001: 3 people were killed and 90 injured in a suicide bombing near a train station in northern Israel.

Sept 20, 2001: A young woman was killed and her husband seriously wounded in a shooting attack near Tekoa. The couple's three children were in the vehicle. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Oct 4, 2001: 3 people, including a 76-year-old man were killed when a Palestinian terrorist, dressed as an Israeli paratrooper, opened fire on Israeli civilians waiting at the central bus station in Afula. 13 others were wounded. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Oct 5, 2001: One person was killed by Palestinian terrorists in a machine gun ambush.

Oct 7, 2001: One person was killed when a Palestinian suicide bomber detonated a large bomb strapped to his body in the Beit She'an Valley.

Oct 17, 2001: The Israeli Tourism Minister, 75, was assassinated by two shots to the head outside his room at the Jerusalem Hyatt Hotel. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) claimed responsibility.

Oct 28, 2001: One person was killed by Palestinian terrorists in a drive-by machine-gun ambush in northern Israel. The Tanzim wing of Arafat's Fatah claimed responsibility.

Oct 28, 2001: 4 women were killed when two Palestinian terrorists, members of the Palestinian police, armed with assault rifles and expanding bullets, opened fire on Israeli pedestrians at a crowded bus-stop in downtown Hadera. About 40 were wounded, three critically. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

2002

Jan 17, 2002: 6 people were killed and 35 injured, several seriously, while attending a bat mitzva reception in Hadera. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Jan 22, 2002: 2 women, aged 56 and 79, were killed and 40 people were injured when a Palestinian opened fire with an M-16 assault rifle near a bus stop in downtown Jerusalem. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Jan 27, 2002: an 81-year-old man was killed and over 150 people were wounded in a suicide bombing in the center of Jerusalem. The female terrorist, a member of Fatah, was armed with more than 10 kilos of explosives.

Feb 6, 2002: a mother and her 11-year-old daughter were murdered by a Palestinian who entered their home disguised in IDF uniform. Both Fatah and Hamas claimed responsibility.

Feb 18, 2002: a man from a Bedouin village in the Galilee, was killed by a suicide bomber who was on his way to carry out a larger attack. The Fatah al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

Feb 22, 2002: Fatah claimed responsibility for killing a man in a drive-by shooting north of Jerusalem as he returned home from work.

Feb 25, 2002: Fatah claimed responsibility for killing a woman in Jerusalem. Eight others were injured, two seriously.

Feb 27, 2002: Two Fatah groups took responsibility for the murder of a factory owner by a Palestinian employee.

Mar 2, 2002: 10 people killed including four children: a 7-month-old boy, and three girls, aged 18 months, 3 years, and 7 years when a bomb was detonated next to a group of women standing with their baby carriages where guests had gathered for a bar-mitzvah in the center of Jerusalem. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Mar 5, 2002: A Palestinian opened fire on two adjacent Tel-Aviv restaurants killing three people and wounding over 30. Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

Mar 9, 2002: A 9-month-old baby and an adult were killed and about 50 people injured, when two Palestinians opened fire and threw grenades at cars and pedestrians in Netanya, close to the city's boardwalk and hotels. Fatah Al Aqsa Brigades claimed responsibility.

On the evening of the same day, Mar 9, 2002, in a crowded café in the center of Jerusalem, a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 11 people and injured 54 people, 10 of them seriously. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Mar 21, 2002: A Palestinian detonated a bomb, packed with metal spikes and nails, in the center of a crowd of shoppers in Jerusalem, killing a young couple and another person. 86 people were injured. Fatah claimed responsibility.

Mar 27, 2002: 22 people were killed with 8 more later dying of their injuries and 140 people were injured in a suicide bombing at a Passover seder in a hotel in the coastal city of Netanya. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Mar 29, 2002: 2 people were killed and 28 injured when a female suicide bomber blew herself up supermarket in Jerusalem. Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade claimed responsibility.

March 30, 2002: a Fatah suicide bomber detonated in a café in Tel-Aviv. One woman died of her injuries a few days later; 30 others were injured.

Mar 31, 2002: 14 people were killed and over 40 injured - one of whom succumbed to his wounds the next day - in a suicide bombing in a restaurant in Haifa.

Apr 10, 2002: 8 people were killed and 22 injured by a Hamas suicide bomber on a bus en route from Haifa to Jerusalem.

Apr 12, 2002: 6 people were killed and 104 wounded when a woman suicide bomber detonated a powerful charge at the entrance to Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda open-air market. Fatah’s Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility.

May 7, 2002: 15 people were killed and 55 wounded near Tel-Aviv, when a Hamas suicide bomber detonated a powerful charge in a crowded club.

May 19, 2002: 3 people were killed and 59 people were injured - 10 seriously - when a suicide bomber, disguised as a soldier, bombed a market in Netanya. Hamas and the PFLP took responsibility.

May 22, 2002: 2 people were killed and about 40 people wounded when a suicide bomber detonated himself in the downtown pedestrian mall of Rishon Lezion.

May 27, 2002: A woman and her infant granddaughter were killed and 37 people were injured, some seriously, when a suicide bomber detonated himself near an ice cream parlor in Petah Tikvah, near Tel Aviv. The Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility for killing the baby and her grandma.

June 11, 2002: a 14-year-old was killed and 15 people were wounded a Palestinian suicide bomber at a restaurant in the coastal city of Herzliya,

June 19, 2002: 7 people, including 5-year-old Gal Eisenman, were killed and 50 people were injured - three of them in critical condition - when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a crowded bus stop in northern Jerusalem. Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades claimed responsibility.

July 17, 2002: 3 people were killed and 40 injured in a double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. Two of those critically wounded subsequently died of their injuries: Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

July 31, 2002: 9 people were killed and 85 injured by a bomb that exploded inside the student cafeteria at Hebrew University. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Aug 4, 2002: 9 people were killed and about 50 wounded in a suicide bombing on a bus traveling from Haifa to Safed in northern Israel. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Aug 4, 2002: 2 people were killed and 17 were wounded when a Palestinian terrorist opened fire near the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City. Fatah al-Aqsa Brigades claimed responsibility.

Sept 19, 2002: 6 people were killed and about 70 people wounded when a terrorist detonated a bomb in a bus opposite the Great Synagogue in Tel-Aviv. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Oct 10, 2002: A 71-year-old was killed and about 30 people were wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up while trying to board a bus across from Bar-Ilan University. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Nov 21, 2002: 11 people were killed and about 50 wounded by a suicide bomber on a bus in Jerusalem. The passengers, included schoolchildren. Hamas claimed responsibility.

2003

Jan 5, 2003: 23 people were killed and about 120 wounded in a double suicide bombing in Tel-Aviv by the Fatah Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades with the help of the Islamic Jihad.

March 5, 2003: 17 people were killed and 53 wounded in a suicide bombing of a bus in Haifa. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Mar 30, 2003: Over 40 people were wounded in a suicide bombing on the pedestrian mall near a cafe in Netanya.

April 30, 2003 people were killed and about 60 people were wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a beachfront pub "Mike's Place" in Tel Aviv. Fatah’s Tanzim and Hamas carried out the attack as a joint operation.

May 18,2003: 7 people were killed and 20 wounded - one later succumbed to his wounds - in a suicide bombing on a bus in Jerusalem. Hamas claimed responsibility.

June 11,2003: 17 people were killed and over 100 wounded in a suicide bombing on a bus in the center of Jerusalem. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Aug. 19, 2003: 23 people were killed and over 130 wounded by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Jerusalem. Hamas was responsible.

Sept 9, 2003: 7 people were killed and over 50 wounded in a suicide bombing at Cafe Hillel in Jerusalem. Hamas claimed responsibility.

Oct.4, 2003: 21 people, including 4 children were murdered and 60 people were wounded by a female suicide bomber at the Maxim restaurant in Haifa. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Dec 25, 2003: 4 Israelis were killed and over 20 wounded in a suicide bombing at a bus stop at east of Tel Aviv. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility.

2004

Jan. 29, 2004: 11 people were killed and over 50 wounded, 13 of them seriously, in a suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem. Fatah’s Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility, naming the bomber as a Palestinian policeman from Bethlehem.

Feb.22, 2004: 8 people were killed and over 60 wounded, in a suicide bombing on a Jerusalem bus. Fatah’s Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility.

March 14, 2004: 10 people were killed and 16 wounded in a double suicide bombing at Ashdod Port. Hamas and Fatah claimed responsibility.

Aug 31, 2004: 16 people were killed and 100 wounded in two suicide bombings within minutes of each other on two Beersheba city buses. Hamas in Hebron claimed responsibility.

Sept.22, 2004: 2 people were killed and 17 wounded in a suicide bombing carried out by a female in Jerusalem. Fatah’s al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility.

Nov. 1, 2004: 3 people were killed and 30 wounded in a suicide bombing at a market in central Tel Aviv. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) claimed responsibility.

2005

Feb. 25, 2005: 5 people were killed and 50 wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Stage club on the Tel Aviv promenade. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

July 12, 2005 people were killed and about 90 wounded when a suicide bomber detonated himself outside a mall in Netanya. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Oct 26, 2005: 7 people were killed and 54 wounded, six seriously, in a suicide bombing at the Hadera open-air market. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Dec.5 2005: 5 people were killed and over 50 wounded in a suicide bombing at a shopping mall in Netanya. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

2006

Jan 19, 2006: 31 people were wounded in a suicide bombing in a restaurant in Tel Aviv. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

April 17, 2006: 11 people were killed and over 60 wounded in a suicide bombing during Passover in Tel Aviv. Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

2007 **-** 2010

Jan. 29, 2007: 3 bakery employees in Eilat were killed in a suicide bombing. Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Fatah al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility.

Feb. 4, 2008: a 73-year-old woman was killed and 38 other people were wounded in a terror attack at a shopping center in Dimona. A police officer shot a second terrorist before he detonated his explosive belt. A Hamas statement praised the attack as a "heroic act".

March 6, 2008: 8 students in Jerusalem were killed when a terrorist armed with a Kalashnikov assault rifle opened fire in the library. 11 others were wounded, 3 critically.

Dec 18, 2010: Kristine Luken, 46, a US citizen living in England, was stabbed to death while hiking in the hills west of Jerusalem with a friend on a Saturday afternoon.

2011 - 2013

March 11, 2011: 3 children: 3-month-old Hadas, 4-year-old Elad, and 11-year-old Yoav, and their parents were stabbed to death by terrorists in their home. Stabbings are up close and individual - the terrorists choose to murder these children one-by-one in cold blood. This is but one example of the Palestinian violation of IHL ***Rule 135. Children affected by armed conflict are entitled to special respect and protection.***

March 23, 2011: Mary Jean Gardner, a 55-year-old British woman who was studying at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was killed and about 50 people wounded when a bomb exploded across from the Jerusalem Convention Center.

June 18, 2012: Said Fashapshe, 35, of Haifa was killed by terrorists who penetrated the security fence along the border between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

Mar 14, 2013: Adele Biton, age 2, suffered traumatic brain damage when the car driven by her mother was struck by a barrage of stones thrown by Palestinians. She never regained the ability to do even the most basic things on her own. She died on Feb. 17, 2015. Rock-throwing can kill.

2014- 2015

Jun 12, 2014: Three high school students - Eyal Yifrah, Gilad Sha'er, and Naftali Frenkel, were kidnapped by Hamas terrorists while trying to hitch a ride home from school. Their bodies were discovered after an extensive search on June 30.

Aug 4, 2014: A rabbi was killed and five other people wounded when a terrorist driving a large construction excavator ran him over and overturned a bus in Jerusalem. A policeman shot the driver, halting the rampage.

September 7, 2014: Avera Mengistu, an Israeli of Ethiopian descent with a history of psychiatric hospitalization wandered into Gaza and was detained and interrogated by Hamas. He has not been returned. Hamas is abusing IHL ***Rule 98. Enforced disappearance is prohibited.***

Oct. 22, 2014: Chaya Zissel Braun, aged 3-months was killed when a Palestinian deliberately rammed his car into a crowd of people near a light-rail train station in Jerusalem. A young woman from Ecuador, critically injured in the attack, died of her wounds four days later. Seven others were wounded. This attack was instigated by the *Car* ***Daes* ("run over") Campaign**, publicized by the PA to encourage Palestinians to use their vehicles to kill Israelis.

Nov. 5, 2014: A Druze man was killed, a teen-ager later died of his wounds, and 14 others were wounded when a Palestinian terrorist deliberately drove a car into a crowd of Israelis near a light-rail train station in Jerusalem. This was another *Daes* attack.

Nov. 10, 2014: a man was stabbed to death by a Palestinian terrorist at a Tel Aviv train station.

Nov. 18, 2014: Six people were killed and six wounded when two Palestinians wielding a gun and meat cleavers entered a synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood in Jerusalem and began attacking worshippers, stabbing them before opening fire.

Oct. 1, 2015: A rabbi and his wife were killed in a drive-by shooting. Their children, aged 4 months to 9 years, who were in the car were treated for shock. Hamas praised the attack by the "brave resistance," calling the murderous act "heroic".

Oct 3. 2015: A man and a woman were stabbed to death by a Palestinian terrorist in Jerusalem's Old City. Another woman and her 2-year-old child were wounded.

Oct. 13, 2015: 3 people were killed and 15 wounded in a combined shooting and stabbing attack on a bus in Jerusalem.

Oct 13, 2015: On the same day, a terrorist rammed his car into a bus stop in a religious neighborhood in Jerusalem killing one and wounding several pedestrians. The terrorist left the vehicle and stabbed passersby.

Nov 19, 2015: 2 people were killed and one person wounded in a stabbing attack during afternoon prayers in a Judaica store in Tel Aviv.

2016 - 2017

Jan. 1, 2016: 2 people were killed when an Arab gunman opened fire in a pub in Tel Aviv. 7 were wounded. A taxi driver was later shot and killed by the terrorist who carried out the attack.

March 8, 2016: Taylor Force of Texas, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, was killed in a stabbing attack near the Jaffa port.

June 8, 2016: 4 people were killed and 17 wounded when two Arab terrorists opened fire on people sitting in a restaurant in Tel Aviv.

June 30, 2016: A 13-year-old girl, Hallel Yaffa Ariel, was stabbed her to death in her bedroom by a Palestinian terrorist who infiltrated her home. Another violation of IHL ***Rule 135. Children affected by armed conflict are entitled to special respect and protection*.**

April 14, 2017: A 21-year-old British exchange student at Hebrew University was killed in a stabbing attack on Jerusalem’s light rail.

2018 - 2020

March 18, 2018: A father of four, was stabbed by a terrorist in Jerusalem while on his way home from work.

September 16, 2018: A man was stabbed to death by a Palestinian terrorist at a mall.

February 7, 2019: Ori Ansbacher, age 19, was brutally assaulted and murdered by a Palestinian terrorist while walking in the Ein Yael Forest southwest of Jerusalem.

August 23, 2019: a 17- year-old female resident of Lod, was murdered when terrorists detonated an IED device near a popular tourist and recreation site. Her father and brother who were with her were seriously wounded.

May 12, 2020: A 21- year-old succumbed to wounds after being struck in the head by a rock hurled at him by a Palestinian terrorist.

November 21, 2021: A man was gunned down in a terror attack in Jerusalem on his way to prayer at the Western Wall​.

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